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Sir:

AMENDMENT AS A SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

Applicants submitted a March 4, 2009 Notice of Appeal and a March 4, 2009 Petition For A One-Month Extension Of Time in response to the November 4, 2008 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. The United States Patent and Trademark Office received the March 4, 2009 Notice of Appeal on March 9, 2009. Based on the date of receipt of the March 4, 2009 Notice of Appeal, an appeal brief or a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is due May 9, 2009. However, because May 9, 2009 is a Saturday, an appeal brief or a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed the next succeeding business day, i.e. Monday, May 11, 2009, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Applicants are hereby submitting an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c) accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The fee for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is eight hundred and ten dollars (\$810.00) and a check including this amount is enclosed. Accordingly, this Amendment

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is being timely filed.

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Please amend the subject application as follows: